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SUBJECT:AMBASSADOR KOUROUMA'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS
TO THE PRESIDENT

ON MARCH 23, AMBASSADOR DAOUDA KOUROUMA PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT. AFTER FIRST NOTING THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN GUINEA AND THE UNITED STATES AND EXPRESSING THE DESIRE THAT OUR RELATIONS IMPROVE, THE PRESIDENT MENTIONED OUR CONCERN OVER SOVIET USE OF GUINEAN AIR FACILITIES. AMBASSADOR KOUROUMA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BETWEEN AMBASSADOR HARROP AND PRESIDENT TOURE AND THOUGHT FURTHER EXCHANGES AND EXPLANATIONS WERE IN ORDER. HE STATED THAT GUINEA HAD ORIGINALLY ALLOWED THE SOVIETS TO LAND THEIR AIRCRAFT AT CONAKRY ENROUTE TO ANGOLA DURING THE ANGOLAN WAR. HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA DID NOT WISH ITS TERRITORY TO BE USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES BUT HAD HEARD FROM AMBASSADOR HARROP THAT SOME SOVIET AIRCRAFT WENT TO "OTHER DESTINA-
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TIONS." KOUROUMA ASSURED THE PRESIDENT THAT IT WAS NOT THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA TO ALLOW THE SOVIETS TO USE THEIR PLANES AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS BECAUSE GUINEA ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ITS RELATIONS WITH THE U.S..

HE STATED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD GUINEA ALLOW ITS INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY TO BE JEOPARDIZED. THE

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PRESIDENT SAID THAT, IN ANY CASE, THIS MATTER SHOULD NOT
BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN
GUINEA AND THE UNITED STATES.
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